



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9089

ISHIDA et al.

Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 09/673,235

Examiner: Ip, Sikyin

Filed: December 1, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-00017

For: SPRING WITH EXCELLENT FATIGUE ENDURANCE PROPERTY  
AND SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SPRING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 22, 2003

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of an RCE and Petition for Extension of Time, applicants request that the amendment filed on March 24, 2003 be entered and that the above identified application be amended as shown below.

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